

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Watkins et al.

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Examiner: Michael C. Miggins

Title: GEL REDUCTION IN BLENDS OF THERMOPLASTIC POLYURETHANE AND HYDROXYL FUNCTIONAL POLYMERS

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**Preliminary Amendment Accompanying a  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed November 19, 2007, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Before examination on the merits, Applicants request consideration of the following remarks. With a one-month extension, reply is timely on or before March 19, 2008.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.